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MEMORANDUM

10-45

TO: HOMER CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER, WALT WREDE
FROM: PORT & HARBOR ADVISORY COMMISSION
DATE: FEBRUARY 4, 2010
RE: LAND ALLOCATION PLAN 2010 RECOMMENDATION

Background

The Port & Harbor Advisory Commission discussed recommendations for the 2010 Land Allocation Plan at their January 27, 2010 regular meeting under New Business Item B. An excerpt from the unapproved minutes follows:

B. 2010 Land Allocation Plan

Planning Technician Engebretsen summarized the format of the Draft 2010 Land Allocation Plan. She explained that it has been broken down into sections. The Commission may want to review each section and make recommendations to Council or focus their time to the section and lots that pertain strictly to the Spit. The Commissioners agreed that it made sense to make recommendations on the uses of property that affected the Harbor and Spit in general.

Port & Harbor Director Hawkins updated the Commission on the status for Lots 19-21. He further noted the recent Request for Proposal on Lot 8-D-1 as requested by Home run Oil. He further noted that Home Run Oil had some interest in Lots 19 and 20.

Commissioner Zimmerman was concerned that there was no accommodation for small businesses. He used the recent problems with Smoke Wagon Water Taxi. His intent was to establish an area where businesses like this one; less than 500 square feet with minimal service requirements could be placed. He realizes that the City is trying to stay away from short term leases but businesses such as this provide valuable services to the Spit.

The Commissioners tossed ideas on the best location to accommodate small seasonal businesses. It was noted that some revenue earned via a short term lease was better than an empty lot where people just parked.

ZIMMERMAN/CARROLL – MOVED TO DESIGNATE THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE HARBOR FROM FREIGHTDOCK ROAD TO WITHIN 150 FEET OF RAMP FIVE FOR SHORT TERM LEASES, ONE TO TWO YEARS, FOR SMALL KIOSK BUSINESSES UNDER 500 SQUARE FEET.

There was brief discussion on the exact details needed to include this in the Land Allocation Plan or if the recommendation was enough.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.
Motion carried.

Recommendation

Port & Harbor Advisory Commission recommends that the northwest corner of the harbor from Freight Dock Road to within 150 feet of Ramp 5 be designated for short term leases, one to two years, for small kiosk buildings under 500 square feet.